

## 14.408-2 Responsible bidder-reasonableness of price.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* determine that a prospective contractor is responsible (see [subpart 9.1](#)) and that the prices offered are reasonable before awarding the contract. The price analysis techniques in [15.404-1\(b\)](#) *may* be used as guidelines. In each case the determination *shall* be made in the light of all prevailing circumstances. Particular care *must* be taken in cases where only a single bid is received.

(b) The price analysis *shall* consider whether bids are materially unbalanced (see [15.404-1\(g\)](#)).

**Parent topic:** [14.408 Award](#).